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SUBJECT: TAX ON FOREIGN SOFT DRINK BOTTLERS

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1. AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL FORMAL REPRESENTATION MADE TO GOCR ON TAX ON FOREIGN SOFT DRINK BOTTLERS, BY MEANS OF FIRST PERSON NOTE NO. 39 DATED MARCH 6, 1973.

2. BY MARCH 21, ANSWER TO NOTE NOT RECEIVED AND COCA COLA OFFICIALS STILL IN DARK RE STATUS OF LAW. THEREFORE, EMBOFFS TOOK OCCASION OF CALL ON MINISTER OF FINANCE ALPIZAR TO ASK WHERE MATTER STOOD. ALPIZAR AGREED LAW DISCRIMINATORY, AND FISCAL PROVISIONS INAPPROPRIATE. HE SAID IT WAS DRAFTED IN MINISTRY OF LABOR AND RUSHED THROUGH ASSEMBLY BEHIND HIS BACK. HE NOTED THAT WHILE MEASURE COULD THEORETICALLY BECOME LAW WITHOUT PRESIDENT' S SIGNATURE, IT COULD NOT RPT NOT BECOME OPERATIVE UNTIL PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND THAT PUBLICATION WAS DELIBERATELY BEING HELD UP PENDING CONSULTATION AND PREPARATION OF SUBSTITUTE BILL BY GOCR.

3. IN SUM, ALLPIZAR WAS CONFIDENT THAT LAW AS NOW DRAFTED WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE PUT INTO EFFECT AND HIS WHOLE ATTITUDE SUGGESTED THAT NEW PROPOSAL WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONTAIN DISCRIMINATORY REVENUE RAISING PROVISIONS.
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